



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q60577

ASAKAI, REI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/622,815

Group Art Unit: 1626

Confirmation No.: 4168

Examiner: Wright, S.

Filed: August 23, 2000

For: INHIBITORS OF APOPTOSIS AND NECROSIS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 13, 2003. A one-month petition for extension of time is being filed herewith, making a response due July 14, 2003, July 13 being a Sunday.

Applicants elect Group IV ( $X = N-R^5$ ,  $Z = \text{indole}$ ) with traverse.

In the Office Action dated January 22, 2003, claims 20-36 and 39-42 were already examined as one group. The pending claims 20-36, 39 and 41 are substantially the same as the claims in the Office Action dated January 22, 2003. Therefore, Applicants request that this Restriction Requirement be reconsidered.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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